

Prepositional Phrases

A Complete the blanks with prepositions.

regardless _____ according _____ owing _____ but _____
 due _____ because _____ instead _____ contrary _____
 except _____ apart _____ thanks _____ as _____

B Complete the blanks with prepositions.

_____ spite _____ _____ charge _____ _____ far _____
 _____ comparison _____ _____ control _____ _____ honour _____
 _____ favour _____ _____ behalf _____ _____ well _____

C Read the sentences and complete them with the prepositions in, on, at, by, under or to.

- 1 You'll find a fairly detailed map of the town _____ page 40 of this guide.
- 2 _____ my parents' surprise I passed all my examinations.
- 3 _____ the circumstances, the police officer had no other choice but to arrest them.
- 4 What's _____ your mind, Geoffrey? You look rather worried.
- 5 I promise to be _____ your side no matter what happens.
- 6 You look so calm and _____ ease with yourself.
- 7 _____ sum up, this book is a good read and I definitely recommend it.
- 8 I made several attempts to convince her, but _____ vain.
- 9 I was _____ the impression you knew how to operate the video camera.
- 10 Their willingness to employ me immediately without another interview took me _____ surprise.
- 11 _____ a certain extent, your anger is understandable.

Phrasal Verbs

Read the sentences on the left and match the phrasal verbs with their definitions on the right by writing the correct number in the box next to each definition.

A BREAK, BURN

- 1 I'm buying a new car because my old one keeps **breaking down**.
- 2 As soon as the government announced the harsh economic measures, riots **broke out** throughout the country.
- 3 The thief **broke into** the house and stole the jewels.
- 4 She couldn't handle being under so much stress so she **broke down** and started crying.
- 5 I started describing what had happened to the police officer but my sister **broke in** to tell him something I had forgotten.
- 6 They **broke up** after having been together for three years.
- 7 If Peter doesn't stop working so hard, he'll **burn out** before his time.
- 8 By the time the fire brigade arrived, the building had already **burnt down**.

- interrupt
- be destroyed by fire
- stop functioning
- end a relationship
- start suddenly
- become exhausted
- enter illegally
- lose control of one's feelings